2014 Summer Food Service Program Webinar Series "Keeping Schools Involved in Summer Meals"

April 3 at 2:00PM-3:00PM EST



Description: School authorities, teachers, community organizations, and parents are interested in getting involved in summer feeding? Our webinar "Keeping Schools Involved in Summer Meals" will present examples of schools that have made the Summer Food Service Program successful. The guest speakers on the webinar will talk about what it takes for schools to run the summer feeding program in their communities, provide ideas on leveraging partnerships, and illustrate innovative ways to feed children during summer when school is out. Schools are a great resource; they can work with school officials to keep the schools open for summer food, serve as a food vendor, use school grounds for sites, and provide transportation.

Agenda:

- Opening Remarks Audrey Rowe, Food and Nutrition Service Administrator
- Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Jonathan Brice, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education
- Brief overview of the Summer Food Service Program by Kristin Caulley and Mandana Yousefi, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

- Alexandra G. Molina, M.S., SNS, Director McAllen ISD Food & Nutrition Services School District Efforts to Extending Summer
- Darlene L. Martin, MS, RD, Director Nutrition Services Branch Long Beach Unified School District - Innovative ways to stay involved in summer meals despite budgetary challenges
- Karen Banks, Program Manager, Share our Strength Help schools and districts calculate the financial benefits of Summer Food Service program with the No Kid Hungry School Calculator tool

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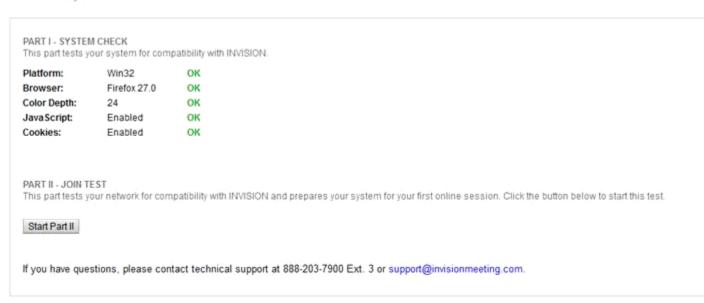
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Background on the Summer Food Service Program

Every summer when school ends, millions of kids and teens are at risk of going hungry because

they no longer have access to the free and reduced-price meals they received when they were in school. The USDA has created the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to cover this summer meal gap. However, SFSP is one of the most underutilized government programs with only about 16% of eligible kids participating. This is why we need your help. You, as an individual or organization, can get involved in so many different ways. You can serve the meals, promote the program, provide transportation, volunteer at summer food sites, or even go out and find new sites and sponsors. Join our webinars to learn all about the program and how fun it is to get involved. For more information about SFSP please visit: www.summerfood.usda.gov.

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